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BIRTH.

At 47, Quies Road, Shanghai, on 13th February, the wife of D. CAMPBELL, of a son.

DEATHS.

At Tientsin, on the afternoon of the 18th February, GEORGE ARTHUR RAY, aged 19, of Leicester, England. Deeply regretted.

At Takow, South Formosa, on the evening of the 2nd March, 1893, CONWAY KNOX FLETCHER, Assistant H. L. C. Customs Service, aged 24 years.

At Chetoo, on 2nd March, DULCIE MILDRED, only daughter of Paul H. King, Esq., of L. M. Customs, Great Queen Street, Westminster, London, aged 8 years and 8 months.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 10th of March, 1893, CHRISTIAN CONRADER (late Second Engineer steamship *Yorktown*), aged 34 years.

At 43, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 12th of March, 1893, JOHN HENRY HOAR (Pilot), aged 33 years.

At Shanghai, on the morning of the 12th March, 1893, EUPHROSIA MCCARTHER, the beloved wife of Daniel Taylor Black. Deeply regretted.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

London, March 18th. Mr. Gladstone's Government is willing to promote measures to secure payment to mem-

bers of the House of Commons; but no action will be possible during the present session of Parliament.

OBITUARY.

The death of M. Jules Ferry is announced.

THE PANAMA TRIALS.

PARIS, March 19th. M. Bourgeois, minister of justice, has resigned in consequence of the action of the Assize Court in bringing Madame Cottu to confront the Directeur de la Sûreté.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

M. Gerard, formerly tutor to the Empress Augusta, and later French Minister to Montenegro, has been appointed Minister to China in place of M. Lemaire.

TYPHOON WARNING.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Ortiz, the Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegram:—

MANILA, March 19th. The depression reported two days ago is increasing in direction North North East.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Rattler* left Chikiang for Wuhu on the 19th inst.

The French cruiser *Inconstant* left Shanghai for the Yangtsze ports on the 19th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy* left Bombay on the 18th inst., for this port.

The Russian mail-ship *Bohrs*, with Admiral Tyrtsov on board, left Woosung for Hankow on the 19th inst.

It is said that Charles Coghlan has acted every male part in "Hamlet" excepting the First Grave-digger.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended March 19th, are:—Europeans, 195; Chinese, 1,728; total 1,923.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says that the first batch of steamers from Tientsin, were expected to bring down four lakhs of dollars in silver and a similar amount in gold.

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Preceptory, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamship *Miraflores*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about 5 p.m. on the 24th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of China*, Capt. R. Archibald, from Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama at 10 a.m. to-day, and will leave again to-morrow for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

It is stated that Dr. Gruenewald, student interpreter at the German Legation in Peking, will act as consul for Germany in Amoy during the absence of Mr. Feindel, who, as we stated the other day, goes to the Fatherland on nine months' leave of absence.

The model settlement of Shanghai was treated to a Muscovite invasion on the afternoon of the 19th inst., when a crowd of drunken sailors from the Russian flag-ship took charge of the Bund and amused themselves by ill treating all the Chinese they could lay their hands on.

Thus the *Straits Times*—“It is now definitely known that the Temoh Gold Hills, Limited, is to be wound up. It may be remembered that this was a concession in the Siamese part of the Malay Peninsula which Mr. Henry Norman, a journalist of London, obtained from the King of Siam at the time Mr. Norman was making a tour of the world on behalf of the *Free Press*. Mr. Norman, having obtained this concession, obtained the co-operation of certain capitalists. Mr. Norman's financial friends took all reasonable measures to develop the concession, including the sending there of quite a number of engineers and miners. There were, however, great natural difficulties to overcome and we believe that there may have been some local opposition from Chinese, encouraged, probably, by the success of the Malay. At all events, the development of the concession has not proceeded successfully; the concession has not been developed; Mr. Norman, who is now upon the *Daily Chronicle*, met recently a representative of the prospects of the adventure very discouragingly. That was very good of Henry; but what about the large amount of money he obtained from his Hongkong friends to float this 'adventure'?”

THE Ningpo correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date March 13th, that it is with deep regret that we have to record the death of another old resident, in the person of Mr. Ching Lung-ling, who died on board the *Kiangnan* just before leaving Shanghai on Tuesday, the 7th inst. He was bidding a number of his friends “good-bye” when he fell down and expired of heart-disease. His body was brought down by the same steamer to be interred at his native place. Mr. Ching Lung-ling was 56 years of age and was greatly esteemed by both Foreigners and Natives. He was formerly commander in the firm of Messrs. Rees and Co., but after the breaking up of that firm he settled down in Ningpo as a merchant. He was a prominent member of the “Public Works Committee,” and in that capacity was always ready to render assistance, pecuniary or otherwise, to the improvement and hygiene of our Settlement. He was foremost in philanthropic works and helped both Chinese and Foreigners who were in need of assistance. A short time ago Mr. Ching Lung-ling was the chief factor in the building of a mortuary, to hold the bodies of those Chinese who died on the steamers, on their way down the river, and what is a very remarkable fact he was the first person who died on board of a steamer after the mortuary was started. A peculiar Ningpo custom is that when any highly esteemed person dies, people show their respect and esteem for the deceased by sending what are called *Chung-hai*, small silk quilts, to cover the body and to line the coffin. It is noticed on my visit to the house of the late Mr. Ching Lung-ling that there were over 200 of these valuable silk quilts, the greater number of which will according to custom have to be burned. Mr. Ching Lung-ling will be greatly missed both in the native city and the foreign settlement.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton* left Singapore for this port on the evening of the 18th inst.

ON the morning of the 13th inst. thirty-three houses in the native quarter of Hanoi were destroyed by fire.

ACCORDING to the *Mercury* Mr. J. G. Pardon is reported to have resigned his seat on the Shanghai Municipal Council.

THE world-renowned Cyprian mules were flooded the other week, over six hundred men being, in consequence, thrown out of work.

THE Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Aradon* appears from Calcutta, left Singapore to-day, for this port.

THE British war-ship *Imperator*, Captain McQuibben, arrived here to-day from Manila. As usual a lot of the tax-payers' money was expended in smoke.

WE learn from Shanghai that Mr. Byron Bressan, British Consul at Tientsin, has been appointed Consul-General at Canton, *vice* Sir Chaloner Alabaster, resigned.

WE are informed by the Agents of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer *Salasia*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 3 a.m. to-day, for this port.

THE next meeting of the Hongkong “Odd Volumes” will be held on Thursday March 23rd, at 4.30 p.m., at the Hongkong Hotel, when the debate on “What Does Hongkong Want?” will be continued.

THE Earl of Jersey, late Governor of New South Wales, accompanied by Lady Jersey, was a passenger by the E. and A. Co.'s steamer *Catterham*, which left Sydney for Hongkong, via Australasian ports, on the 19th inst.

The *Amiral de Togo* has come out of dock, after having her second-class cabins and also entirely replaced by first-class accommodation, in accordance with the decision to abolish the second class on the Vancouver steamship line.

In the Supreme Court to-day, in Summary Jurisdiction, Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Police Judge, had occasion to comment severely on the conduct of a witness, who was so impressed with the words of truth that he deposited \$15 in Court.

MR. HUGHES, late student interpreter at the British Consulate in Bangkok has, according to the *Bangkok Times*, been appointed to a similar position in Peking, the medical authorities at home having reported him fit for re-engagement in the Service.

THREE boats conveying stores to Cebu (Toshiba) by way of Longchow were attacked by pirates last week, in French territory, near Salao, in command of the escort was seriously wounded, three others were killed, and fire injured.

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WE learn that in connection with the Chinese exhibit at the World Fair in Chicago, upwards of four hundred Chinese will leave for the United States by the Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *Albatross* to-morrow, and that about seven hundred are to go by the *Empress of Japan* on the same date.

THE idle French practice of accusing every stranger of being a “spy” is not, it seems, confined to France. The Tonkin authorities have expelled from Saigon a Chinese merchant whose movements have been watched for some time, on suspicion of being a spy. Great pity! What is there to spy in Tonkin?

At a meeting of shareholders in the Tonkin Mines, held at Hanoi on the 27th February, it was resolved to stop work on the great hole, on account of want of money. The conduct of M. Pils, the principal promoter, who did nothing to help, was strongly condemned. A syndicate is proposed, to take over the concern.

THERE would appear to be hope existing concerning the Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, which has been regarded as “dead meat” for many months past, has a prospect of resurrection. Shares have been actually sold at as high as twenty cents, and there are further buyers. What is this disease it is coming upon an already dead-broke company?

At the Magistracy to-day, before Capt. Hasty, R.N., a house boy named Sun Fong was indicted of having, on the 22nd January, stolen a number of valuable trinkets from his employer, Mr. King, of the Hongkong Dock. Mr. King, being able to find \$75 security for the month's good behaviour, the prisoner was sent to gaol for three months, with hard labour.

“WHAT do we think of the Imuris swindle—asks a modest correspondent, who does not subscribe to the *Telegraph* and is, moreover, a notorious toady of the *Journal*?” “The Imuris swindle, but the *Journal* is not a toady. It is a newspaper. What we thought of the Imuris swindle was very plainly indicated in these columns many months ago, when we think of the Imuris swindle will be fairly dealt with in due course.

The soft winds blow the gloom away, But sorrow's come with us to stay For we have left our girl to-day—She's gone back for a Holiday. Tava-ra-boom-de.

Yesterday the world was fair—Joy danced in the very air—Naught so distant as despair Till we neglected to be there—When she went off with “Chollie.” Tava-ra-boom-de.

IMPROVEMENTS are the order of the day the enterprising Canadian Pacific Company, whose “Ocean Greyhound” the *Empress of Japan* has just been pointed out to the local Dock Company, including the addition of a number of first-class cabins, luxuriously up-to-date—second-class saloons having a splendid view of the water—first-class accommodation. The company is now in the process of a further improvement, a further alteration at the present juncture.

In the Police Court to-day, Capt. Hamilton, Assistant Magistrate, committed Ng Kan to his trial, at the next sessions, on a charge of having, in the 10th March obtained possession of a forged document with intent to defraud; and also having obtained goods by pretences. An accomplice named “Tui” was committed for trial on a charge of forgery. The allegation is that the prisoner obtained a letter purporting to be from a Chinese ship-keeper to his wife, and to send him by bearer certain silk, which he had obtained by this letter as he had to give up \$150 worth of her husband's property.

Is silver on the rise? “Soapy Jim” has returned. Interesting developments are promised. But where is Toth?

THE paddle-wheeler *Oriya*, “Copper Jack” very own, was towed from Kowloon. Docks this afternoon—where she has been in hospital for many weeks past—to Yau-ma-tei in order to have some repairs to her decks carried out. When the Chinese owners get her in trim to run on the Canton river they expect to make millions out of her. We hope they will.

“VOYTING” ON THE SAWBATH.

A Ladybird.
In a gentle breeze.
At a pace absurd,
Across the seas,
A hasty word—
Over the edge—
What has occurred?
And where is G—?
GUILLAUME DE CHERRY.

THE enthusiastic fools who, imagining themselves sportsmen, go about shooting coolies and cows and inflicting treaty rights near Hongkong and Macao, ought to try Annam for a change. The *Courier* says that recently one of the best of the Quinhon accidentally plumped himself right in the middle of a band of elephants up country north of Binh-din. After a most exciting interview with some 30 of these big game he potted a big male elephant with three explosive bullets through the skull.

H.E. the Governor of Macao, Senhor da Borja, arrived on a brief visit to Hongkong this afternoon in the gunboat *Div*. A guard of honour and the band of the Shropshire Regiment was at Peller's Wharf at 4.30, and the landing was effected at 5 o'clock, amid booming of guns, flying of flags, and tooting of trumpets. A Reception Committee consisting of Mr. A. G. Francis, Q.C., one Sikh, and a number of coolies, and the Governor's chair was not present—bang went ten cents!

LATEST news of the Tonkin Treasury frauds is to the effect that out of the \$20,000 “planted” by Mr. Godard, at Son-tay, \$17,500 had been discovered by native detectives. The official's house-servants stated that he had asked for and obtained from the cook two empty biscuit-tins and a butter-tin. Two tins were found buried in the garden, containing \$10,000 and \$7,500 respectively, in notes. The third tin yet to be unearthed. The *Asiatic* and the *Courier* disagree as to whether the receptacles were biscuit boxes or sugar tins. It is rumored that Mr. Godard had been gambling in exchange, through the agency of an Annamite woman, and that even yet there may be a profit on his speculations.

WRITING from Ichang on the 7th inst. the correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* says:—Cargo has been rather short for the steamers during the last month or so, principally, no doubt, owing to the general holiday at New Year, although the upper provinces seem to be glutted with cotton yarn, which was shipped in great quantities to Shanghai during last year and kept the steamers and junks running briskly, so that there does not appear to be any likelihood of an early demand for that commodity to please the Bombay exporters and the Chinese importers. The river has been doing up and down a bit lately, owing to several days' fine weather having melted the up-country snows and brought us down a little freshet. The weather is now beautifully fine and dry, and the river, after a three-foot rise, is gradually receding again.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)
March 20th.

ALLEGED IMBECILITY. Lai Ki was charged with embezzling \$150 from Lai Po, his employer, in January last. The Attorney General (Hon. W. M. Goodman) instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. A. B. Johnson) prosecuted, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. G. J. Phillipps, instructed by Mr. Grist (Mr. C. D. Wilkinson's office) defended. Prisoner pleaded not guilty and the following jury was sworn:—C. F. McKillop, J. P. Dowling, C. S. Gubbay, H. A. Madar, A. Molr, J. A. Fopp, G. W. Kirkpatrick. The Attorney-General stated that the prisoner was employed at the Tien Shing wing office, 184 Queen's Road Central, as a bill collector, and it was alleged that he had collected three bills totalling the sum named, and had failed to account for them.

TOO MUCH GAS IN COURT. While the case was proceeding, his lordship mentioned that the amount of gas which was escaping in court was simply unbearable and almost overpowering. An adjournment was therefore made to the smaller court. None of the lawyers were muzzled.

Prisoner was convicted by the jury and sentenced to fifteen months' hard labour. The Sessions were adjourned until Thursday next. Three cases now stand committed for trial from the police court—the Pooklam assault and robbery, the forgery (to-day) and the Treasury frauds.

THE TREASURY FRAUDS.

The trial of A. F. Alves for fraud, &c., was resumed this afternoon. As before, Mr. Johnson prosecuted and Mr. Francis (instructed by Mr. Holmes) defended. N. J. Ede, Secretary of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, proved sending a cheque to the Treasury in payment of Crown rent, receipted in full by Alves, as detailed at an earlier stage of the trial.

A. Shelton Hooper, Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment Company, similarly proved payment and receipt, and signature of Alves, who had himself been, into the Crown rent office at the Treasury and had compared the receipt given him with the counterfoil thereof, No. 7783. The receipt gave \$61.50 as paid for Marine Lot 65; the counterfoil gave only \$61.50, just \$500 less; another was in the same manner \$300 short. Witness was present when the Treasurer showed Alves these discrepancies.

Francisco Freire, late clerk in the Treasury, now retired pensioner, identified the rent-roll for 1892, giving in its seventh column the total paid in for 1892 on Crown rent account. Witness added the totals himself. For the whole year the payments amounted to \$109,245.60. He had added the entries under the separate headings and compared them with the totals in the summary, and found them all correct.

João Maria Gutierrez (who handed his card to the Magistrate like a born Duke) stated that he was a clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office, and had searched for the rent-rolls for 1888 and 1889 in the office, but could not find them. Cross-examined—By “the Colonial Secretary's office” he meant seven rooms on the top floor of the Government building. When the Colonial Secretary was auditor, Mr. de Silva had charge of the auditing department, whereas

did not know what became of the records of the auditing under the Colonial Secretary's regime. Did not know how much space they would occupy. Did not search the lower floor.

Mr. Nicollet, recalled, proved defendant's signature on several documents.

Chang Chai, third interpreter at the Magistracy, said that he knew Chinese characters thoroughly, and also knew English. The entry dated 5th July, 1892, in the shroff's book had been correctly translated. (Translation put in.) Witness was sworn to other translations.

Cheng Wan-tai, second clerk at the Treasury, recalled, stated that the entries in the book (of which translation had just been proved) were made by himself.

Mr. Johnson asked leave to amend the charges by correcting a wrong figure in the 5th count, and in the 24th count adding after the charge of destroying or taking away “rent-roll of Crown rents for 1888 and 1889,” the words “and a book of counterfoils for receipts for Crown rent, 1889, numbered 1901 to 1,800 inclusive.”

The evidence for the prosecution, and Mr. Johnson asked that defendant be committed for trial.

Mr. Francis—We reserve our defence. His Worship—Prisoner is committed to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. D. Gillies presided and there were also present Messrs. H. Hopplius, J. S. Moses, R. Shewan, C. A. Jones, and F. A. Benjamin.

The Chairman said—Having been read, and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, with your permission we will take them as having been read. Owing to the long continuance of low freights and a general scarcity of cargo, the earnings of the steamers have been materially reduced during the last twelve months, and although the utmost attention and care have been given to the efficient and economical working of the line, the result on the whole has been somewhat disappointing. You will observe, however, from the accounts that the steamers *Emerald* and *Zafra*, notwithstanding the very low freights prevailing, have shown a small amount of profit on the year's working; and as they were both constructed especially for this line and have been found well adapted to the requirements of the Manila trade, a fair return in the future may reasonably be expected. The negotiations for the sale of the *Diamonds* mentioned by me when we met here last year terminated satisfactorily, and although the price obtained left a large deficit on the book value of the vessel, with the sale in our opinion a Company from what had become a steady drain on our resources, the steamer having been laid up for some time and losing money instead of earning it. Improvement in freights may with confidence be looked for shortly and with our fleet in excellent order we are well prepared to take every advantage of it. The Company's claim on the late General Managers now stands at \$4,607.57 estimated value, although the prospect of immediate payment of the dividend from the estate still appears remote. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be happy to answer any questions from shareholders.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed that the report of the directors and statement of accounts be approved and passed. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. H. Cox and carried *unanimously*.

On the motion of Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. Jones, the retiring members of the Managing Committee (Messrs. Hopplius, Moses, Shewan, and Gillies) were re-elected.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hopplius, Messrs. T. Arnold and J. H. Cox were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year. This concluded the business of the meeting.

THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO.'s steamer *Taiyuan*, Capt. R. Nelson, R.N.R., from Sydney and port of call, arrived in harbour this morning. We extract the subjoined telegrams from our Australian exchanges:—

ADELAIDE, February 22nd. The liquidation of the affairs of the late Commercial Bank will be practically concluded by the end of the month, when a final dividend of 6s 6d will be paid.

Daniel Danvers, Secretary of the Adelaide Racing Club, has been dismissed, owing to alleged irregularities in the conduct of the Club's financial affairs. The defalcations amount to £400. The Club has decided not to prosecute.

John Nicholson, late solicitor and Special Magistrate, and brother-in-law of the Hon. T. Playford, who recently surrendered himself to the police on the ground of having forged the latter's signature on certain deeds and fraudulently raised a certain sum of money on the same, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

LONDON, February 22nd. A subscription list has been opened for the relief of the sufferers by the Queensland floods. Two thousand pounds has already been subscribed.

The marriage of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the Princess Marie Louise, eldest daughter of the Duke of Parma, has been fixed to take place on April 10th.

A terrible earthquake has occurred in the island of Samothrace, on the Grecian coast. Every house on the island is stated to have been destroyed, and there is an appalling loss of life.

The Finance Committee in the Washington Senate is passing a 3 per cent. bonds with a view to maintaining the gold reserve.

Copper (Chili), 45s 10s. Silver, 35s 10s. Sea-weed (Socialist leader) is about to sail for Australia for the purpose of securing land for the settlement of two thousand Germans. It is likely that a suitable area will be found near Adelaide.

Lord Ardilaun, a creditor of the Federal Bank for the sum of £20,000, has filed a petition for the liquidation of the bank.

The Texas Legislature is introducing a bill for the suppression of lynching, but making the practice legal in cases of rape.

Lord Chief Justice Colclough has ruled that masters are unable to sue officials of the Trades Unions for inducing workmen to break their contracts.

February 27th. Lord Ripon, replying to a deputation from the Central Queensland Separation League, admitted that a strong case had been made out, but said that it would be improper for the Imperial Government to take any action until the new Queensland Parliament had expressed its view on the question.

The agitation against Home Rule for Ireland is increasing in intensity and the Irish Unionists are preparing a vigorous campaign. In the City and Town of London the Constitutional Association are sending several thousand Ulster men to London to hold a demonstration in Trafalgar Square.

A manifesto has been issued by the Irish National League in America, condemning the Home Rule Bill and declaring that a sovereign Parliament alone will suffice to meet the demands of Ireland.

The London “Standard” charges the Opposition with “mild management,” carelessness, and want of opportunity, whereby they have allowed the Government to gain ground both in the House and in the country.

COLLISION IN THE SUEZ CANAL.

FRENCH MAIL DELAYED.

The agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co., M. de Champagne, courteously informs us that whilst in the Suez Canal the *Yarra*, which left Marseilles on the 5th inst., was run into by an English steamer.

It appears from the information at present to hand that the damage was not considerable; however, the arrival of the *Yarra*

